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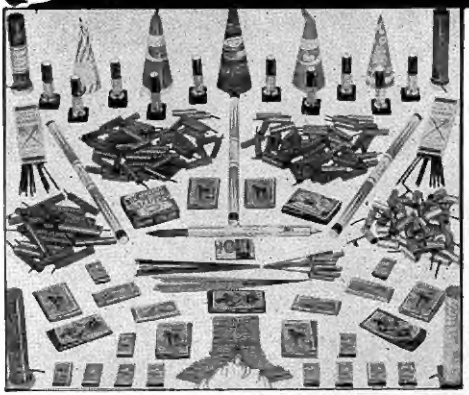

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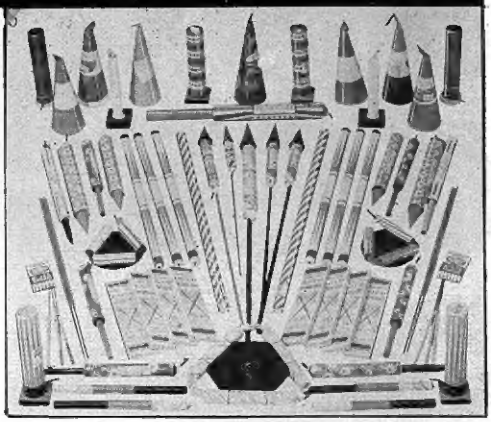

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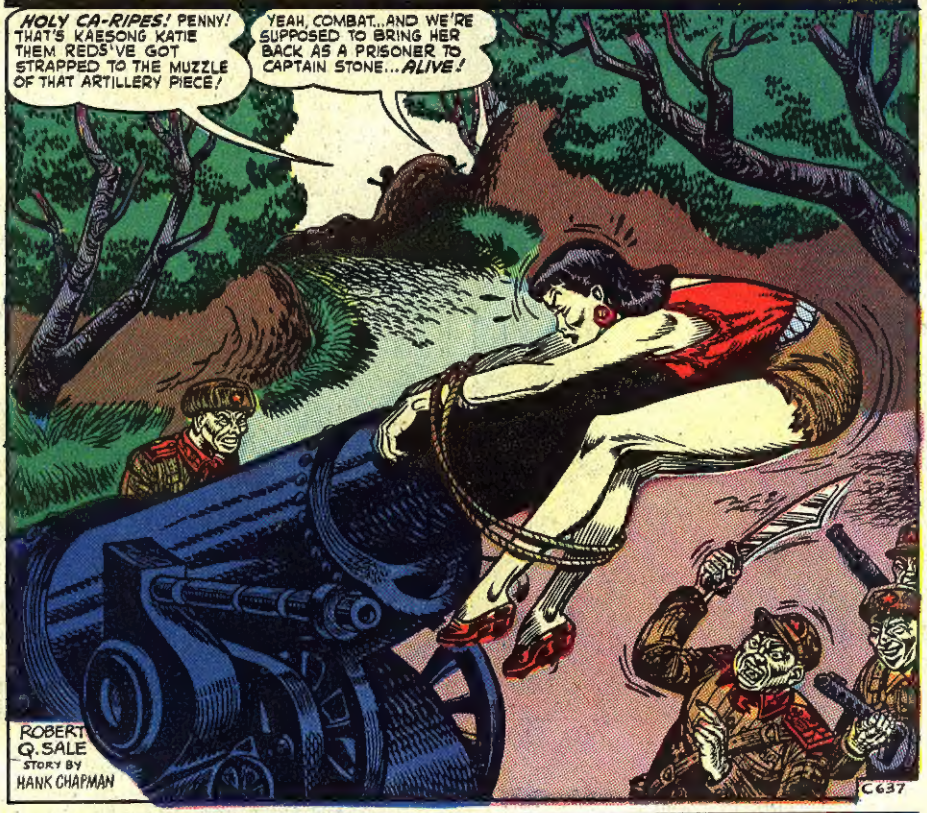
HOLY CA-RIPES! PENNY! THAT'S KAESONG KATIE THEM REDS'VE GOT STRAPPED TO THE MUZZLE OF THAT ARTILLERY PIECE!
YEAH, COMBAT...AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BRING HER BACK AS A PRISONER TO CAPTAIN STONE...ALIVE!
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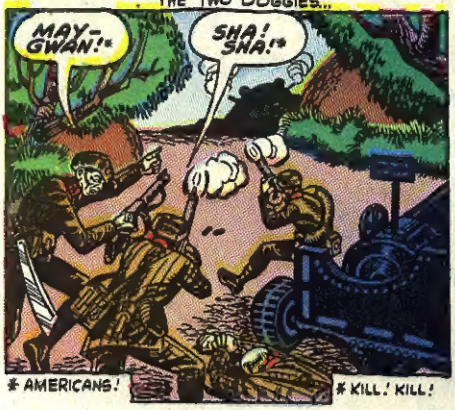
BUT YOU CANNOT DO THIS TO ME, COMRADE COLONEL! I...I HAVE BEEN OF GREAT SERVICE! DID I NOT STEAL THE PLANS FROM THE AMERICANS WHICH SHOW THE POSITIONS OF ALL THEIR OUTFITS?
YES, KAESONG KATIE... BUT YOU FAILED TO CAPTURE THAT RED-BEARDED RIOT AND HIS BESPECTACLED COMRADE WHO ARE DEMORALIZING ALL OUR TROOPS WITH THEIR CUNNING ATTACKS!

WE GOTTA SAVE HER, PENNY...SHE KNOWS WHERE THOSE PLANS ARE! YOU TAKE THE BIG BRASS... I'LL GET THE GUY AT THE GUN!
MY SIGHT IS HANGING OVER HIS HEART RIGHT NOW!

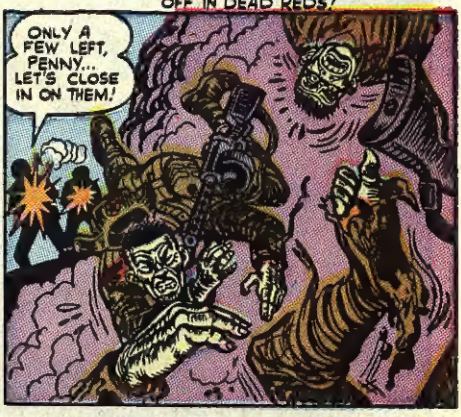
PENNY'S M-1 STICKS OUT A RED TONGUE OF FLAME AND SPITS A BULLET JUST AS THE COMMIE COLONEL GIVES THE COMMAND TO FIRE...

AND COMBAT'S RIFLE DOES DITTO AT THE SAME TIME...AND THE RED AT THE ARTILLERY PIECE FEELS LEAD EATING INTO HIS FLESH...

THE OTHER REDS BRING THEIR BURPERS INTO ACTION AND SPRAY A SHOWER OF BULLETS TOWARD THE TWO DOGGIES...



BUT COMBAT CASEY AND HIS PAL PENNY TRADE BULLET FOR BULLET AND THEIR INVESTMENT PAYS OFF IN DEAD REDS!

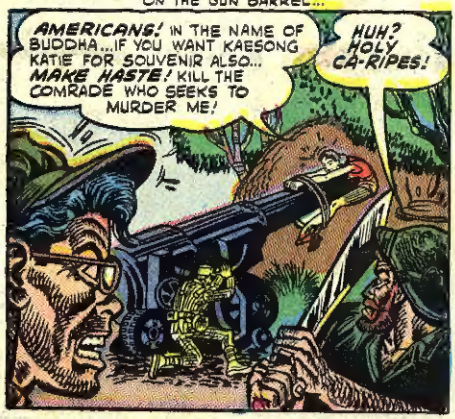


AFTER A FURIOUS FEW SECONDS, THE BLAZING GUNS CEASE THEIR ROARING AND THE TWO DOGGIES MAKE SURE THAT THE DEAD ARE DEAD...

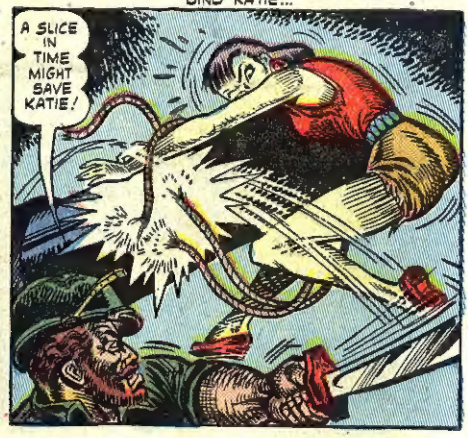
ALL THESE SCUMMIES AREN'T KIDDING, COMBAT! ONLY ONE MORE TO CHECK ON...THAT GUY AT THE GUN!
YEAH...BUT CA-RIPES.. LOOKIT THIS CHOPPER THE CRUMMY COLONEL CARRIED WITH HIM! IT SURE MAKES A NICE SOUVENIR...

AND AS COMBAT AND PENNY EXAMINE THE SWORD, A QUILTED SNAKE IN BACK OF THEM STIRS AND REACHES OUT FOR THE LANYARD ON THE ARTILLERY PIECE...ON WHICH ONE YANK WILL BLOW KAESONG KATIE FROM HERE TO ETERNITY!

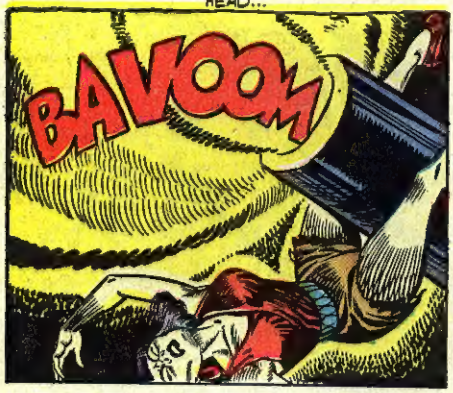
THE TWO DOGGIES DON'T SEE THE RED... BUT KAESONG KATIE DOES...FROM HER HIGH HOT SPOT ON THE GUN BARREL...


AMERICANS! IN THE NAME OF BUDDHA...IF YOU WANT KAESONG KATIE FOR SOUVENIR ALSO... MAKE HASTE! KILL THE COMRADE WHO SEEKS TO MURDER ME!
HUH? HOLY CA-RIPES!

COMBAT WHIRLS AND SLASHES AT THE ROPES WHICH BIND KATIE...



IN THE SHORT SPACE OF THE SAME SECOND THE RED PULLS THE LANYARD, AND AS KATIE FALLS FROM THE GUN, A ROARING EXPLOSION BOOMS OVER HER HEAD...



KAESONG KATIE DROPS TO THE GROUND AND SNATCHES A GUN FROM ONE OF THE DEAD REDS...

DROP YOUR GUNS AND YOU WILL BE SPARED... NOT OUT OF GRATITUDE... BUT OUT OF NECESSITY! WHEN I PRESENT YOU TO THE GENERAL, HE WILL FORGIVE ME FOR MY PREVIOUS FAILURES! AND WHAT HE DOES TO YOU... DOES NOT MATTER TO ME!
YEAH... BUT IT DOES TO US!

UNDER THE WATCHFUL SNOUT OF KAESONG KATIE'S GUN, COMBAT AND PENNY ARE TAKEN OVER HILLS AND RIVERS, AND THRU VALLEYS AND WOODS...DEEPER BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN...

SURE I COULD'VE SHOT IT OUT WITH HER, BUT IF WE FINISHED HER WE'D NEVER KNOW WHAT SHE DID WITH THOSE STOLEN G.I. PLANS...
YER RIGHT...BUT NOW IF WE DO FIND OUT... WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

HOURS LATER THE QUESTION IS STILL LEFT UNANSWERED ...BUT THEIR DESTINATION IS REACHED AND A GOLD-TOOTHED GENERAL BREAKS INTO A 24-KARAT SMILE WHEN HE SEES THE TWO DOGGIES...

IN THE NAME OF BUDDHA...IT IS THE RED-BEARDED RIOT AND HIS BESPECTACLED COMRADE! WELL DONE, KAESONG KATIE!
MANY THANKS, GENERAL TUNGWA! THEN I AM FORGIVEN?

YES..KAESONG KATIE, YOU MAY ENJOY YOUR LIFE FURTHER UNTIL YOUR NEXT FAILURE!
IF I FAIL AGAIN, GENERAL... THEN I DESERVE TO BE SHOT...JUST AS THESE TWO DOGS DESERVE IT!

AH-H...BUT THEY WILL NOT BE SHOT, KATIE! I HAVE DECIDED TO PRESERVE THEM...INSIDE THIS HOLE!
HOLY HOLLY... IT'S SO DEEP I CAN'T SEE THE BOTTOM!

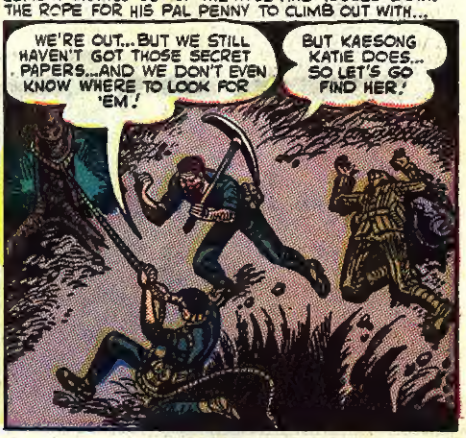
YOU WILL SEE IT! GET INTO THE HOLE ...QUICK, USE THE ROPE!
AND YOU MUST MAKE THE HOLE DEEPER BY 5 FEET EVERY DAY... OR YOU GET NO FOOD OR WATER! YOU WILL FIND PICK AXES AT THE BOTTOM!

THE TWO DOGGIES SLIDE DOWN THE ROPE INTO THE DEEP HOLE... AND FROM THE BOTTOM, THEY LOOK UP AT THEIR JAILERS...

AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE, COMBAT AND PENNY FIND OUT WHAT THE GENERAL MEANS WHEN COMBAT TRIES TO SINK A PICK INTO THE GROUND...

WE COULDN'T DIG FIVE FEET IN THIS SOLID STUFF IF WE HAD A JACK HAMMER AN' A CASE OF DYNAMITE... AN' ALL WE GOT IS TWO PICK AXES!
WHICH IS ALL WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
HEY, STUPID AMERICANS! I NO HEAR DIG...AN' REMEMBER... NO DIG, NO EAT! HA-HA!
I'D LIKE TO GET MY PAWS ON THAT CRUMMY GUARD AN:..
AND YOU WILL, IF MY BRAIN STORM WORKS! FIRST TAKE ONE OF THE PICKS AND DRIVE IT INTO THE WALL OF THIS PIT...LIKE THIS!
NOW GET ON TOP OF THAT PICK AND DRIVE THE OTHER ONE IN THE WALL UP ABOVE IT..
YEAH ...I GET THE GIMMICK!
NOW I HOIST MYSELF UP TO THE NEXT PICK...
AND THEN REACH DOWN AND GET THE FIRST PICK...
AND WHEN I GET IT...I DRIVE IT UP ABOVE ME!
RIGHT! AND WHEN YOU REPEAT IT ENOUGH TIMES, YOU'LL BE AT THE TOP!
IT'S A HARD CLIMB...ONE SLIP MEANS DEATH... BUT COMBAT BUILDS THE STEPS TO FREEDOM SLOWLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY FOR ONE LONG HOUR...
DON'T WEAKEN NOW, COMBAT...A FEW MORE AND YOU'LL BE OUT!
YEAH...IF THAT BLASTED GUARD DOESN'T SPOT ME FIRST!
BUT BLASTED GUARD DOES OBSERVE STUPID AMERICAN... AND SO DOES GUN!

AN' THIS PICK AXE PEEK A BOOMS YA TOO!
OW-W!


COMBAT CRAWLS OUT OF THE HOLE AND TOSSES DOWN THE ROPE FOR HIS PAL PENNY TO CLIMB OUT WITH...
WE'RE OUT... BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T GOT THOSE SECRET PAPERS... AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR 'EM!
BUT KAESONG KATIE DOES... SO LET'S GO FIND HER!

THAT LOOKS LIKE THE BIG BRASS SHACK AND THAT'S WHERE KATIE OUGHTTA BE NOW THAT SHE'S IN SOLID WITH THE GENERAL!
OKAY... WE'LL PEEK IN THERE FIRST!

HOLY HOLLY! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE, COMBAT?
YEAH... IT'S THE G.I. PAPERS... AN' THE BIG BRASS ARE GOIN' THRU 'EM!

AN' WE'RE GOIN' THRU THE WINDOW!

DON'T REACH FOR YOUR WEAPONS AND NOBODY'LL GET HURT... ALL WE WANT ARE THOSE SECRET PAPERS KAESONG KATIE STOLE FROM CAP'N STONE'S SAFE!

YEAH... AND WHERE IS THE LI'L DARLIN'?
HERE I AM, RED-BEARDED RIOT... READY TO MAKE YOU A RED-BEARDED RUIN!

COMBAT WHIRLS AND HEAVES HIS DITCH-DIGGER'S WEAPON...

THE PICK AXE SLAMS KATIE'S GUN OUT OF HER HAND...

AND THEN DIGS IT INTO THE WALL AND PINS THE COMMIE GUERRILLA DOWN LIKE A MOUNTED BUTTERFLY...

PENNY, YA COLLECT THE PLANS WHILE I HERD THIS CRUMMY COLLECTION INTO THE VAULT! KATIE CAN GET 'EM OUT WHEN AN' IF SHE CAN GET OUTTA THAT PICK-AXE PRISON!
YEAH...WITH THESE SECRET PAPERS IN OUR HANDS WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE KATIE BACK AND WE CAN GET AWAY FASTER!

TA, TA, KAESONG KATIE! THANKS FOR TAKIN' US WHERE THESE PAPERS WERE! WITHOUT YOU, WE NEVER WOULD'A FOUND 'EM!
BUT I'LL FIND YOU AGAIN, YOU MISERABLE BEASTS...AND WHEN I DO, NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM ENDING YOUR MISERABLE LIVES!

THE TWO DOGGIES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY... AND A HALF-HOUR LATER, THEY ARE HIGH ON A HILL OVERLOOKING THE RED CAMP...

HOLY HOLLY! LOOK, THE BIG BRASS HAVE KAESONG KATIE IN FRONT OF A FIRING SQUAD!
YEAH...SHE MUST'A LET 'EM OUT... AN' THEY'RE REWARDIN' HER WITH A DEATH SENTENCE FOR LEADIN' US TO THEIR CAMP!...AN' THE G.I. PAPERS!

COMBAT AND PENNY TURN AWAY FROM THE SCENE, AND HEAD SOUTH TOWARD THEIR BIVOUAC THANKFUL THAT THEY ARE SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN ARMY...

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

RED TRUTH SERUM

DR. SU YUI was a very happy man as he stood before his superior, Colonel Li Fu-chun, commandant of the Mooli Prison Camp. He placed a syringe and a small bottle on the desk.

"This drug will work. Test results show that it gives the same reaction as though the subject were in an hypnotic spell. Whatever you tell the person subject to this drug, he will repeat word for word. All this can be accomplished by just jabbing the needle into a vein of the right arm. In sixty seconds the drug takes effect."

Colonel Li Fu-chun looked at the bottle and then lifted the syringe in his hand.

"The two Americans have been very difficult subjects," he admitted in the privacy of his own office. "I am going to question the Sergeant again in a few minutes. Seems to me he should be the one to weaken. The Captain seems willing to die if necessary. We need one or the other for our task. This afternoon I expect several high army officials and newspaper men to witness the confession of the American."

There was a knock on the door and the signal given to open it. Lieutenant Huang Chien entered with a message.

"We have been listening very carefully to what the two Americans have been saying in their cell. They talk about beautiful girls, baseball, inflation, summer vacation, and that our next war will be with the planet Mars. I am certain they suspect that their cell is wired and hence will give us nothing of importance."

"I am going to visit them now and give them one last chance to talk. Follow me, Lieutenant Huang Chien. If I need you later, I will send for you, Dr. Su Yui."

In their narrow cell the two Americans were seated. The Sergeant was sprawled across the hard cot. The Captain was seated on a wooden three legged stool. The men took turns alternating from the stool to the cot.

"When I get out of here, there is one thing I want to do," said the Sergeant with a glance to the ceiling where the microphone was concealed, "and that is to start a fund for supplying nice juicy steaks to all Communists who come over to our lines. Maybe I'll even give them a double portion of apple pie."

The Lieutenant opened the door to the cell and held his service revolver ready for action as the Commandant entered and spoke.

"You two came here for the sole purpose of dropping germs and killing our people. You will confess to all of this and do it before an audience this afternoon.

"You still must be nuts," snapped back Sergeant Joe Lefferts as he glanced at Captain Bill Meadows. "Your gunners shot down our plane and you knew just what was in it. We were dropping leaflets telling your soldiers to come on over to our side."

"Enough of this nonsense," shouted the Colonel in a fury. "You can't conceal anything from me." Then turning to Lieutenant Huang Chien he added, "I have wasted too much of my precious time on these pigs. They will talk. The Sergeant will say what we want and the Captain will sit back and keep quiet. If he interferes, then shoot him."

In the afternoon the cell door was again opened. A squad of soldiers conducted the two Americans to the office of the Colonel. Two tough looking characters held the Sergeant in a vise like grip.

"You will now give him the injection," ordered the Commandant to Dr. Su Yui. That was the signal for a furious struggle and soon the two tough characters were all over the floor with the Sergeant who was fighting like a wild cat. As he was turned over, Dr. Su Yui plunged the needle into his arm. And then in sixty seconds he became still.

"Arise," ordered Dr. Su Yui who watched with a peculiar kind of satisfaction as the American got up and looked very docile. "You may commence now, Colonel and tell him what he is to say."

"You will tell our assembled guests that the American soldier is a very unhappy man. Nothing is done for his com-

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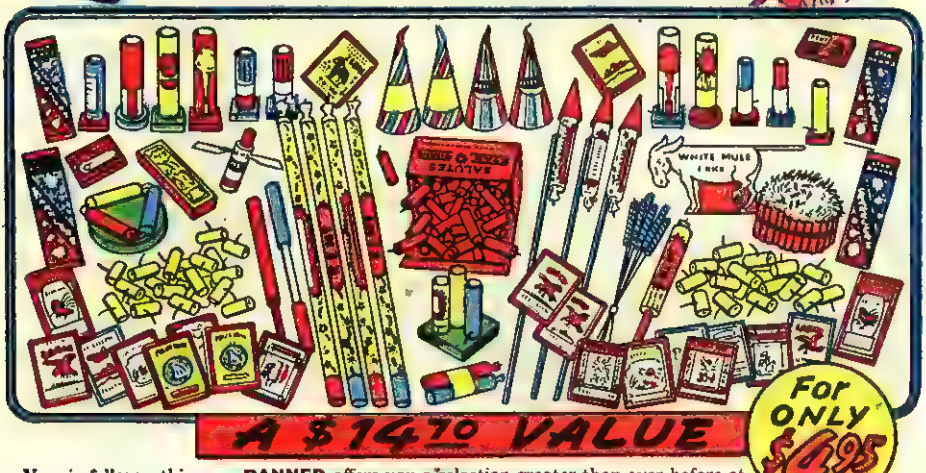

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YEAH..IT SURE LOOKS LIKE THE WAR IS GOIN' TO THE DOGS...AN' DOGS THAT'VE GOT GRENADES TIED TO THEIR TAILS!
BENULIS ABEL

THE INFANTRYMEN DROP INTO THEIR FOXHOLE CELLARS AS THE WILD PACK OF DOGS WITH GRENADES TIED TO THEIR TAILS BY THE REDS, SWARM OVER THE AREA...

AND FROM A DISTANCE, A PAIR OF HIGH-POWERED FIELD GLASSES WATCH THE HOWLING PACK...

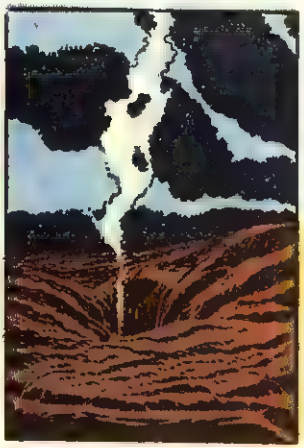
THEN THE TIME-FUSED POTATO-MASHER GRENADES BEGIN TO EXPLODE... AND FOXHOLE BOULEVARD BLOSSOMS WITH RED BALLS OF FIRE...

IT'S A SIGHT TO DELIGHT THE HEART! THE STUPID BEASTS HAVE DELIVERED THE GRENADES TO THE AMERICANS... JUST AS WE PLANNED!
YES, COMRADE COLONEL! YOUR PLAN IS A GREAT ONE! I WILL IMMEDIATELY DETAIL ALL THE TROOPS TO HUNT FOR MORE DOGS!

THE COMMUNISTS WATCH WITH GREAT JOY AS THE FRIGHTENED ANIMALS RUN THRU THE G.I. AREA WITH GRENADES SPUTTERING FROM THEIR TAILS...

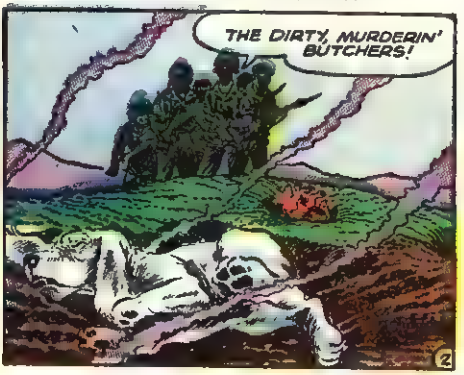
AND WHEN THE GRENADES EXPLODE...

NOTHING IS LEFT...



AND AFTER ALL THE GRENADE BLOSSOMS HAVE BLOOMED AND DIED... THE G.I.'S COME OUT OF THEIR FOXHOLES AND GAZE UPON THE SIGHT WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES!

FOR A LONG TIME NOBODY SPEAKS! PERHAPS THEY ALL THINK ABOUT THEIR DOGS... THE ONES THEY LEFT AT HOME... OR PERHAPS THEY TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE REDS COULD DO A THING LIKE THIS! SERGEANT PULASKI THINKS SO TOO... OUT LOUD...



WE GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT CRUMMY SCUMMIE OUTFIT DREAMED UP THIS DOG BRIGADE AN' IF THEY'RE GONNA PULL ANY MORE CANINE BANZAIS! THAT MEANS A PATROL! ANY VOLUNTEERS?
I'LL GO, SARGE!
ME TOO!
COUNT ME IN!
TAP TAP
YA ALL WANNA GO... AN' I DON'T BLAME YA. BUT WE CAN'T SPARE MORE'N ONE MAN! PENNY... YA SPOKE UP FIRST... YOU'RE IT... GO PLAY PEEK-A-BOO WITH THE CRUMMIES... AN' GOOD LUCK!
I'LL TRY TO GET BACK BEFORE DARK... BUT IF I DON'T GET BACK BY THEN, KEEP A LIGHT BURNING IN MY FOXHOLE FOR ME... SO LONG!
PENNY STEALS INTO RED TERRITORY ON HIS BELLY... HE CRAWLS, HE WALKS, HE RUNS, HE SWIMS... AND THE ONLY THING HE GETS IS DEEPER INTO NORTH KOREA!
BUT DEEPER IN NORTH KOREA IS WHERE THE REDS ARE... AND PENNY FINDS THEM, THANKS TO A LOUD-MOUTHED COMMIE COLONEL BLOWING HIS TOP AT A CORPORAL...
THIS IS THE OUTFIT I'M LOOKING FOR ALL RIGHT! THEY'VE GOT HUNDREDS OF DOGS FENCED UP! THAT COMMIE BIG BRASS IS SURE BURNED UP OVER SOMETHING!
YOU STUPID OFFSPRING OF A CONTAMINATED CAMEL...
BUT... BUT COMRADE COLONEL... I... I... THOUGHT...
YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO THINK! I ORDERED ALL TROOPS TO CATCH DOGS... AND YOU BRING ME A MISERABLE CAT!
MEOW
CATS I DO NOT WANT!
IT'S OKAY, KITTY... I'VE GOT YOU... AND I WANT YOU!
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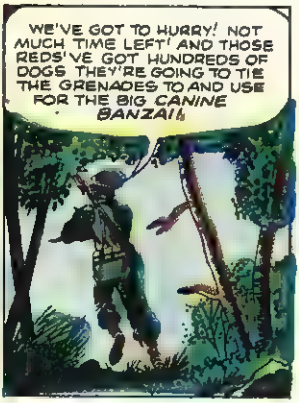
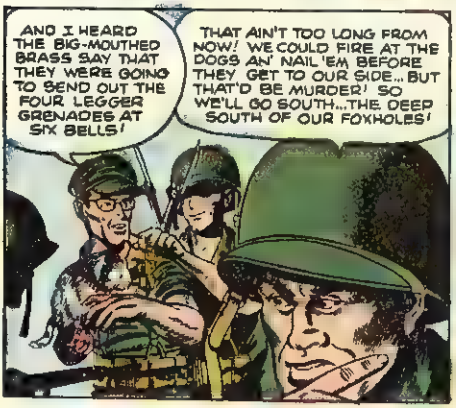
NOW VANISH FROM MY SIGHT, PEASANT... AND DON'T RETURN UNTIL YOU BRING BACK DOGS! WE NEED MANY MORE FOR THE ATTACK AT SIX O'CLOCK!
OWW! YES, COMRADE COLONEL... YES!

ONCE AGAIN PENNY DOES DOUBLE TIME LEG DUTY TO GET BACK TO BIVOUAC... AND HE CARRIES THE CAT WITH HIM...

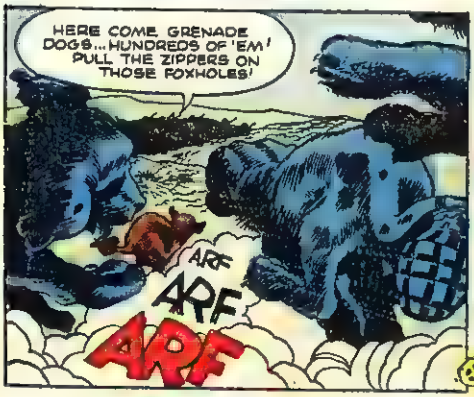

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY! NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! AND THOSE REDS'VE GOT HUNDREDS OF DOGS THEY'RE GOING TO TIE THE GRENADES TO AND USE FOR THE BIG CANINE BANZAI!

AN HOUR LATER, PENNY REACHES THE G.I. LINE AND GIVES SARGE PULASKI ALL THE DOPE...


AND I HEARD THE BIG-MOUTHED BRASS SAY THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SEND OUT THE FOUR LEGGER GRENADES AT SIX BELLS!
THAT AIN'T TOO LONG FROM NOW! WE COULD FIRE AT THE DOGS AN' NAIL 'EM BEFORE THEY GET TO OUR SIDE... BUT THAT'D BE MURDER! SO WE'LL GO SOUTH...THE DEEP SOUTH OF OUR FOXHOLES!

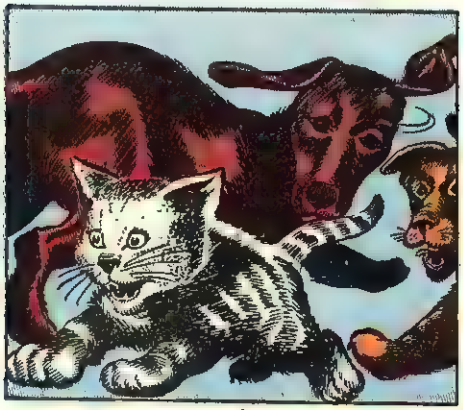
AN' HANG ON TO THAT CAT... CAUSE IF SHE GETS SCARED AN' BREAKS LOOSE WHEN THE FIREWORKS START... SHE'LL NEVER LIVE TO HAVE KITTENS!
SHE'LL BE OKAY, SARGE! SHE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS!

THE INFANTRYMEN MOVE INTO THEIR HOLES AND SWEAT OUT THE ATTACK...BUT THEY DON'T HAVE LONG TO SWEAT...

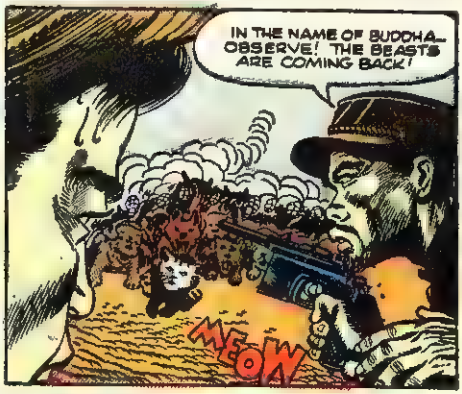


PENNY'S CAT HEARS THE DISTANT YELPING OF THE DOGS AND...

PENNY YELLS TO THE CAT... BUT THE FELINE IGNORES HIM AND CHARGES TOWARD THE HOWLING PACK OF GRENADE-CARRYING CANINES...

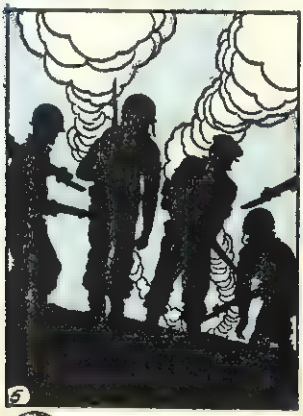


AND WHEN THE DOGS SPOT THE CAT... THEY FORGET THEIR MISSION AND TURN AROUND TO CHASE THEIR NATURAL ENEMY WHO SPEEDS TOWARD THE RED LINES AS FAST AS HER FOUR PAWS WILL CARRY HER...



THE CAT LEADS THE GRENADE-DRAGGING DOGS INTO THE COMMIE TRENCHES, JUST AS THE TIME FUSES ON THE GRENADES SAY IT'S TIME TO GO BOOM! EXPLOSIONS RIP THE RED FRONT LINE FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER FOR THIRTY VIOLENT SECONDS...

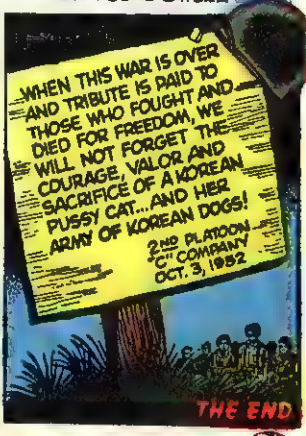
THE G.I.'S STAND AND WATCH THE AWFUL SPECTACLE... AND WHEN IT'S OVER, THERE ARE TEARS IN THEIR EYES ONCE AGAIN...



AND THIS TIME IT'S PENNY WHO BREAKS THE SOLEMN SILENCE...

I... I KNOW YOU GUYS'LL THINK THAT I'M BATTLE BATTY WHEN I SAY THIS! BUT I... I THINK THE CAT KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING... AND SHE DID IT FOR US!

BUT THE G.I.'S DON'T THINK PENNY IS NUTS... AND THEY PROVE IT A FEW HOURS LATER...


WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER AND TRIBUTE IS PAID TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR FREEDOM, WE WILL NOT FORGET THE COURAGE, VALOR AND SACRIFICE OF A KOREAN PUSSY CAT... AND HER ARMY OF KOREAN DOGS!
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fort. He is very miserable. To conceal all of this you were sent to drop some germs on us."

They led the two Americans into a large room where Red Chinese officers and civilians were seated. Colonel Li Fu-chun was very happy. Surely what was now going to take place should earn him a promotion. A motion picture machine had even been set up to record the event.

"What you now will hear," he explained to his audience, "is the truth from the lips of an American Sergeant. His Captain is seated in this room. There will be no interference. Lieutenant Huang Chien is here with a squad of soldiers. He has orders to kill the first person that tries to stop this American soldier from speaking."

Sergeant Joe Lefferts was placed upon a chair. Colonel Li Fu-chun looked at his audience and then gave a simple order.

"American soldier, you will tell our distinguished guests how you dropped germs and also how badly the men are suffering on your side."

Captain Bill Meadows wanted to jump up even though he knew he would be killed. But he realized it would be a vain gesture. So he just clenched his fists and listened.

"The only germs we ever dropped or will drop upon your lines," began the Sergeant, "are germs of truth. We want you to know the truth. Army comfort is wonderful. Our soldier sleeps on an air mattress in a heated enclosure. Even the front line soldier gets roast chicken Have you tasted our emergency and hot biscuits for supper. rations? You'll find hamburgers or spaghetti and meat balls. Behind the fighting front our soldiers have showers, mess tents, recreation halls, and excellent medical treatment."

"Stop him! Stop him!" shouted the Colonel who jumped up and made a lunge at the Sergeant. There was but one shot from the machine gun pistol in the hands of Lieutenant Huang Chien. And the Colonel was dead. The Lieutenant looked at the startled men.

"I have followed orders. He is telling the truth. So let him speak more."

"We know why we are in this war," continued the Sergeant. "Because we believe in fair play. We don't want to see the little guy shoved around by

the big bully. And you aren't in this because you really want to fight. The Reds are shoving you around to shove the others around. Come on over to our side."

For two days and nights the strange group, consisting of two Americans, Lieutenant Huang Chien, his squad of soldiers, and the guests, had all been heading towards the American lines. Now they stopped at a little house in the mountains. Cans of emergency food were given by the owner, Li-Sah. When finished, the Lieutenant spoke to Li-Sah.

"Wait ten minutes until we leave. Then send a message of greetings. We wait at the side of the mountain where the river bends to the south."

A group of transport helicopters protected by a screen of army fighters made a landing and brought back the group to American lines. There they were again all fed on a meal that went right to their hearts — or stomachs — roast beef, roast beef, and more of it.

The next day Captain Bill Meadows faced Lieutenant Huang Chien in General Walter Simpson's office.

"Lieutenant Huang Chien is a member of the Korean Republic's Army Intelligence Group. There was a concealed radio at Li-Sah which brought the rescue planes to all of you," explained the General. "The Sergeant certainly was a brave man and he will be rewarded. According to his story when he was playing football in high school his left arm was injured. The vein inside was collapsed. Hence he fought so the injection would go into the left arm and thus be useless."

"There is something he must never know," added Lieutenant Huang Chien. "The injection was simply plain water. Dr. Su Yui was just a fakir who couldn't produce a truth serum. He figured he would be killed so he took a gamble. It saved his life. Now he is washing dishes on our side."

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MAIL CALL!
THE HECK WITH THOSE PINUPS NOW... IT'S MAIL CALL!
HEY, SARGE! AIN'T YA GONNA FINISH YER CHOW?
WHO WANTS TA EAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS! THE MAIL'S IN!
THERE WAS MAIL FOR EVERYBODY...
ALLEN!
HERE!
...FROM "A"...
AMES!
YUP!
...TO "Z"...
ZARIKO!
YEAH, BOY!
...MAIL FOR EVERYBODY ...EXCEPT ONE DOGGIE... NAMED FRANKIE DUNN...

IT WAS A SHAME, TOO. BECAUSE FRANKIE ALWAYS GOT HIS SHARE WHEN IT CAME TO DIRTY DETAILS...
LATRINE
AND HE DIDN'T STAND SHORT WHEN IT CAME TO FIGHTING...
AND HIS HAND WAS ALWAYS UP WHEN VOLUNTEERS FOR A PATROL WERE NEEDED...
YEAH, FRANKIE DUNN GOT HIS SHARE OF EVERYTHING... BUT MAIL...
HEY, LISSEN TO WHAT MY DOLL ROSIE SAYS! SHE SAYS...
AW-W, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF, SARGE!
YEAH... WE ALL GOT MAIL, TOO!
YEAH AN' DOUBLE YEAH... BUT DID YA ALL GET A PICTURE LIKE THIS IN YER LETTERS?
WOW-WHEE, SARGE! WHO IS SHE... A MOVIE STAR?
NAW... THAT'S ROSIE... MY GAL! THE BABE I'M WINNIN' THIS WAR FOR! AN' AS SOON AS MY LITTLE G.I. BOOTIES HIT THE STATES I'M GONNA MARRY HER!
FRANKIE WATCHED AS THE OTHER DOGGIES SWAPPED LOOKS AT SNAPSHOTS OF THEIR GIRLS AND READ PARTS OF THEIR LETTERS AND THEY WERE ALWAYS TOO BUSY WITH THEIR MAIL TO SEE THE TEARS IN FRANKIE'S EYES...

MAYBE THAT'S WHY FRANKIE FOUGHT SO HARD WHENEVER THERE WAS FIGHTING TO BE DONE ...MAYBE HE WAS BLAMING HIS LONELINESS ON THE REDS...AND TAKING IT OUT ON THEM, TOO...
ANYWAY, THE FIGHTING AND THE DANGER BROUGHT THE DOGGIES CLOSER TOGETHER...THEY BEGAN TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER THAN THEY KNEW THEIR OWN BROTHERS, AND THAT'S WHEN THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT FRANKIE ...
...AN' THIS'S ROSIE, FRANKIE... THE GAL THAT'S GONNA TAKE ME AWAY FROM ALL THIS! LEMME SEE YOUR HEARTTHROB!
I--I AIN'T GOT A GIRL!
YER WIFE THEN!
I--I'M NOT MARRIED...!
GOT A PICTURE OF YER MOTHER?
NO MOTHER ...AN' NO PICTURES AT ALL!
...'CAUSE I-- I NEVER GET ANY LETTERS!
OH...
AND THEN ALL THE GUYS SEEMED TO REMEMBER ALL AT ONCE...
YEAH...COME TO THINK OF IT,...I NEVER HEARD HIS NAME AT MAIL CALL!
AN'--I NEVER SAW HIM WRITIN' A LETTER, EITHER!
FRANKIE WALKED AWAY AND THEY ALL STARED AT HIM AS IF HE WERE SOME SORT OF FREAK! THEY WERE SORRY FOR HIM...AND THEY WANTED TO HELP...BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW...
GEE, CAN YA IMAGINE... NEVER ANY MAIL... NOT EVEN A POST CARD...GEE!
YEAH! I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO!

BUT MAIL FOR FRANKIE DUNN WASN'T THE ONLY PROBLEM COMPANY C HAD... THERE WAS FIGHTING TO BE DONE... AND PATROLS TO GO ON... AND GUARD DETAILS TO PULL...
IT WAS WEEKS BEFORE THE DOGGIES HEARD THAT HEART-WARMING CRY AGAIN...
MAIL CALL!
THE FIRST NAME THE MAIL CLERK CALLED WAS...
FRANK DUNN!
HUH?
AND THE SECOND NAME WAS LIKE AN ECHO...
FRANK DUNN!
ME? AGAIN?
THE THIRD CALL WAS THE SAME...
FRANK DUNN!
WHO?
...AND SO WAS THE FOURTH...
FRANK DUNN!
GEE!
FRANKIE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT...AND THE DOGGIES COULDN'T BELIEVE IT...ONLY ONE G.I. KNEW IT...
THE SARGE...HE... HE DID IT! THESE LETTERS ARE FROM ROSIE-- HIS GIRL!
GEE... WHATTA GUY! I WISH I WOULDA THOUGHT OF IT!
AND FRANKIE WAS GRATEFUL! HE THANKED THE SARGE AND THEN ASKED HIM IF IT WAS ALL RIGHT TO WRITE BACK TO HIS GAL ROSIE...
SURE, FRANKIE... AN' TELL HER TO SEND YA A PICTURE, TOO!
GEE, SARGE... YER A GREAT GUY... I'LL WRITE HER TONIGHT!
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FRANKIE WROTE THAT NIGHT... AND EVERY NIGHT... HE WAS NEVER LEFT OUT OF MAIL CALL AFTER THAT...
HOW'D YA MAKE OUT TODAY, FRANKIE?
SIX OF 'EM, SARGE, AN' SHE SENT A PICTURE IN ONE OF 'EM, TOO!
THE GUYS WERE ALL HAPPY FOR FRANKIE... AND THAT'S WHY THEY ALL FELT SO BAD WHEN HE GOT HIT ONE DAY...
OWW!
AWWW! IT AIN'T NOTHIN', FELLAS... I'LL BE OKAY!
YA SURE WILL, DOGGIE! BUT NOT IN KOREA! THIS WOUND'LL GET YA BACK TO THE STATES!
... AND SO FRANKIE LEFT...
BUT THE WAR WENT ON WITHOUT HIM... AND SO DID MAIL CALL...
ALLEN! AMES! BENTON!
YO!
YEAH!
HEAH!
AND AS THE MONTHS DRAGGED BY, THE DOGGIES IN COMPANY C WERE STILL READING PARTS OF THEIR LETTERS ALOUD AND SHOWING THEIR SNAPSHOTS AROUND...
WOW! LOOKIE THIS! IT'S ONE OF MY GIRL... IN A BATHING SUIT!
YEAH, BUT SHE'S GAININ' WEIGHT!
HEY, LOOK! THE SARGE GOT A NEW PIC OF ROSIE!
COME ON, SARGE! DON'T HOG IT! GIVE US A GANDER AT ROSIE! DON'T HOLD BACK JUST 'CAUSE YER GONNA MARRY THE GAL!
SURE... HERE! TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK!
HOLY SMOKES! IT-- IT'S A WEDDIN' PICTURE!
YEAH... OF ROSIE AN' FRANKIE DUNN!
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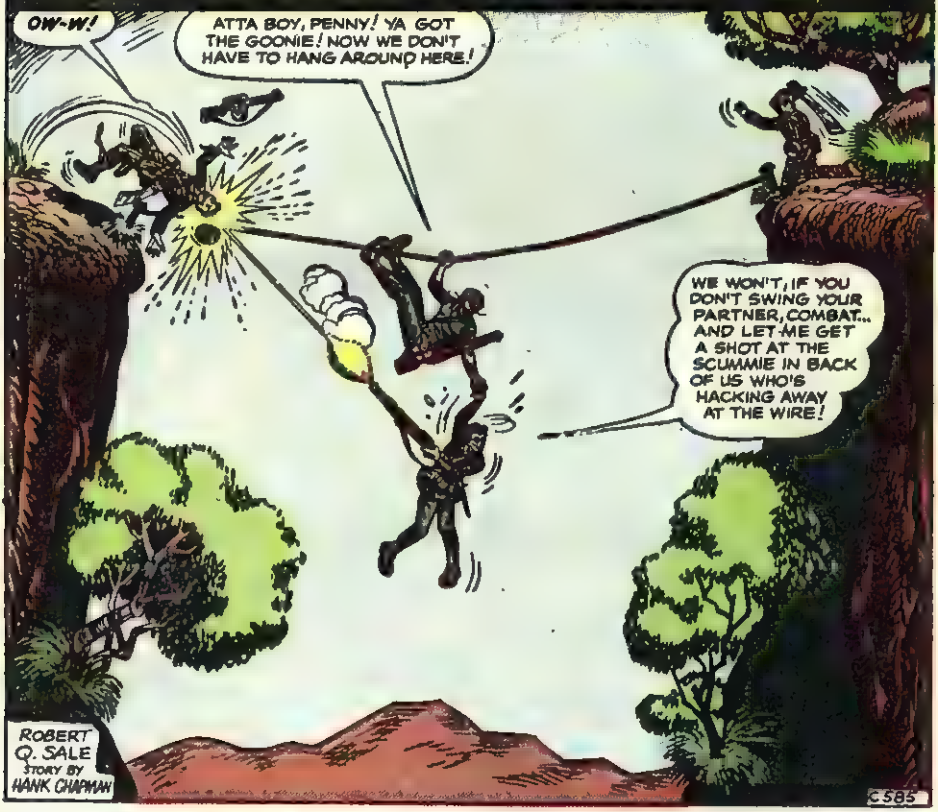
OW-W!
ATTA BOY, PENNY! YA GOT THE GOONIE! NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO HANG AROUND HERE!
WE WON'T, IF YOU DON'T SWING YOUR PARTNER, COMBAT... AND LET ME GET A SHOT AT THE SCUMMIE IN BACK OF US WHO'S HACKING AWAY AT THE WIRE!
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STORY BY HANK CHAPMAN
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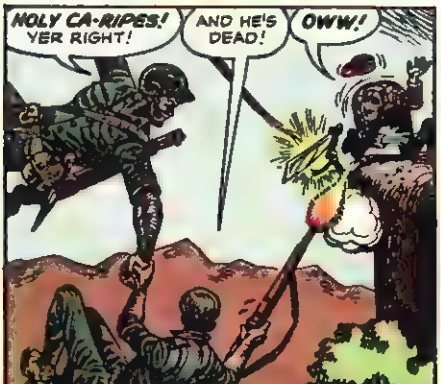
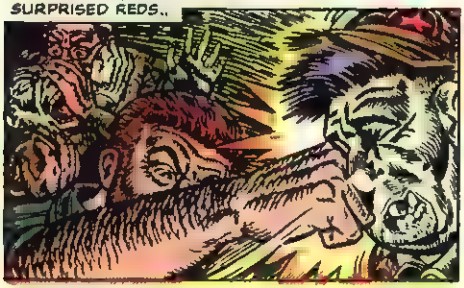


AS COMBAT CASEY AND HIS PAL FALL TOWARD THE GROUND, A COMMIE TRUCK LOADED WITH TROOPS COMES TEARING AROUND THE BEND...

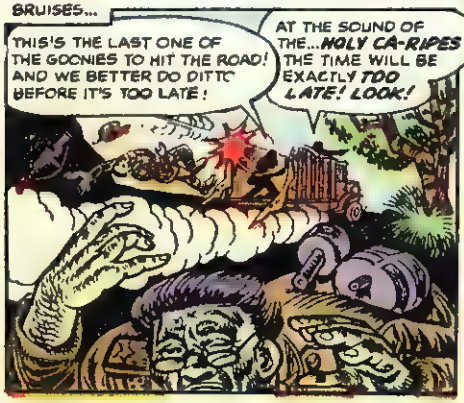
HOLY CA-RIPES! OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE RED FIRE!
YES... AND OUR FALL KNOCKED OUT SOME OF THE FLAMES... BUT THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF WORK LEFT FOR THE COMBAT AN' PENNY FIRE DEPARTMENT! SO LET'S GET TO WORK!

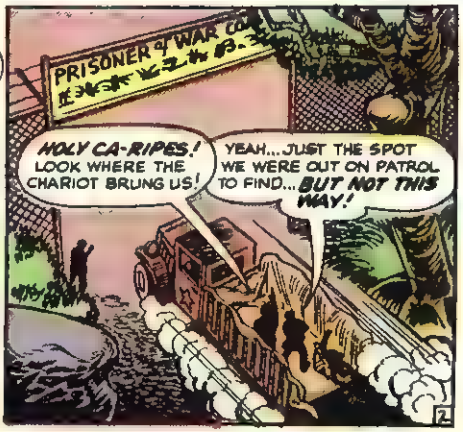
THE TWO DOGGIES WADE INTO THE STUNNED AND SURPRISED REDS..



AND COMMIE TROOPS FLY OFF THE SPEEDING TRUCK IN ALL DIRECTIONS...

AND AFTER MANY MILES OF BROKEN BONES AND BRUISES...


THIS'S THE LAST ONE OF THE GOONIES TO HIT THE ROAD! AND WE BETTER DO DITTO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
AT THE SOUND OF THE... HOLY CA-RIPES THE TIME WILL BE EXACTLY TOO LATE! LOOK!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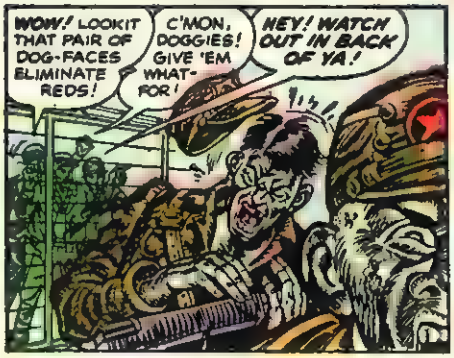
HOLY CA-RIPES! LOOK WHERE THE CHARIOT BRUNG US!
YEAH... JUST THE SPOT WE WERE OUT ON PATROL TO FIND... BUT NOT THIS WAY!

SINCE THE GOONIES HELPED US FIND THE PLACE... LET'S SHOW 'EM OUR APPRECIATION! GRAB YERSELF A BURPER, PENNY!
I PREFER GRENADES, COMBAT!

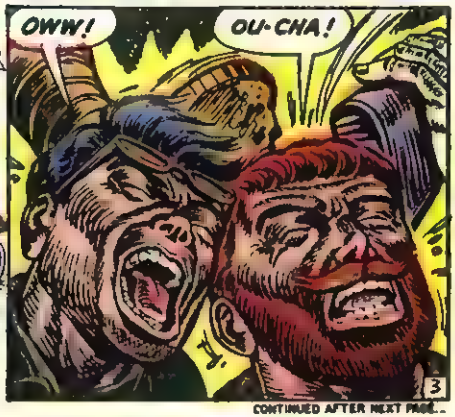
AS THE COMMIES' TRUCK COMES TO A STOP, COMBAT STARTS HIS BURPER GOING...

COMBAT AND PENNY HAVE A G.I. CHEERING SECTION AS THEY BLAST AWAY AT THE REDS! THE DOGGIES BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE SEE HOPES OF FREEDOM IN THE TWO-MAN INVASION...



THE TWO DOGGIES MAKE VACANCIES IN THE RED ARMY AS LONG AS THE AMMO AND GRENADES LAST... AND WHEN THE BOOM-BOOM STUFF IS GONE... THEY USE THEIR FISTS...

BUT FOUR FISTS AGAINST A GANG OF GOONIES WITH GUNS SOON ADD UP TO A COUPLE OF LOUD...



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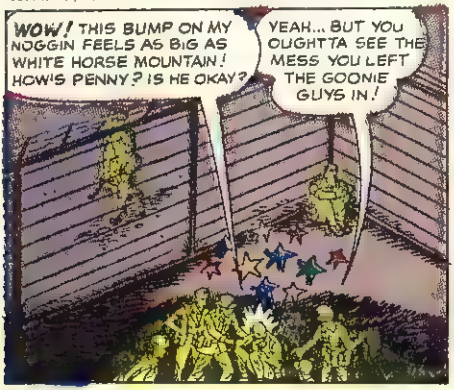
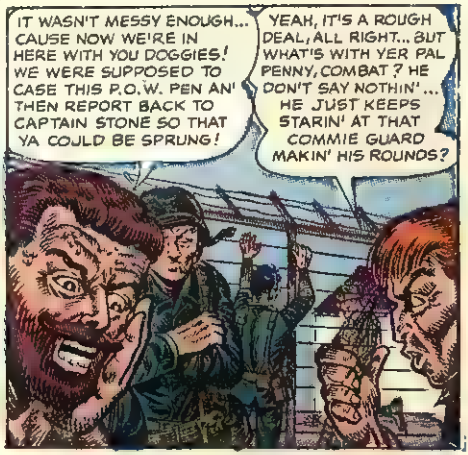

WOW! THIS BUMP ON MY NOGGIN FEELS AS BIG AS WHITE HORSE MOUNTAIN! HOW'S PENNY? IS HE OKAY?
YEAH... BUT YOU OUGHTTA SEE THE MESS YOU LEFT THE GOONIE GUYS IN!

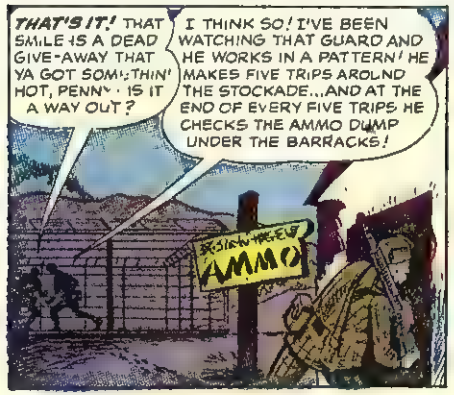

IT WASN'T MESSY ENOUGH... CAUSE NOW WE'RE IN HERE WITH YOU DOGGIES! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO CASE THIS P.O.W. PEN AN' THEN REPORT BACK TO CAPTAIN STONE SO THAT YA COULD BE SPRUNG!
YEAH, IT'S A ROUGH DEAL, ALL RIGHT... BUT WHAT'S WITH YER PAL PENNY, COMBAT? HE DON'T SAY NOTHIN'... HE JUST KEEPS STARIN' AT THAT COMMIE GUARD MAKIN' HIS ROUNDS?

ALL THE G.I.'S MAINTAIN STRICT SILENCE...

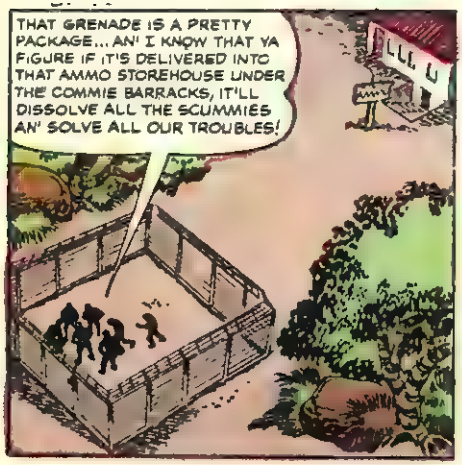
AS PENNY WATCHES THE RED SENTRY'S EVERY STEP...

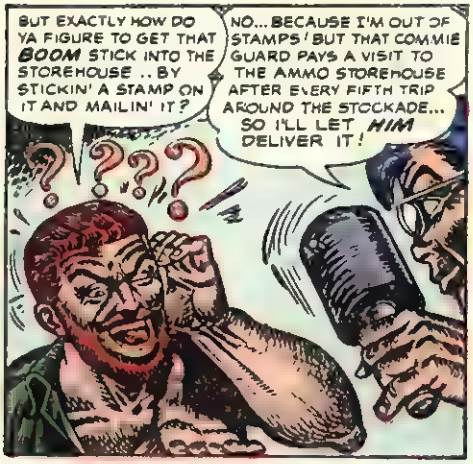
AND THINKS...

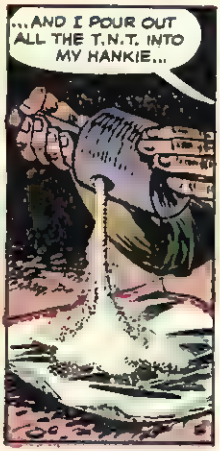
FOR A FULL HOUR PENNY KEEPS HIS EYE ON THE COMMIE GUARD AS THE GUARD WALKS HIS POST AROUND THE STOCKADE! THEN HE SMILES AND...


THAT'S IT! THAT SMILE IS A DEAD GIVE-AWAY THAT YA GOT SOMETHIN' HOT, PENNY - IS IT A WAY OUT?
I THINK SO! I'VE BEEN WATCHING THAT GUARD AND HE WORKS IN A PATTERN! HE MAKES FIVE TRIPS AROUND THE STOCKADE...AND AT THE END OF EVERY FIVE TRIPS HE CHECKS THE AMMO DUMP UNDER THE BARRACKS!
AMMO

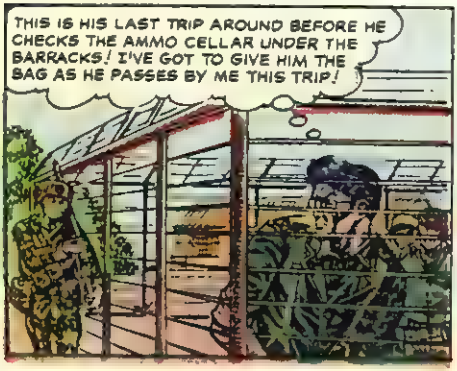
YEAH, BUT WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO US? ALL THAT STUFF IS IN A CELLAR WITH CONCRETE WALLS A FOOT THICK! HOW'RE WE GONNA GET INSIDE?
WE DON'T HAVE TO... NOT WHILE I STILL HAVE THIS SOUVENIR OF OUR TRUCK RIDE STUCK INSIDE OF MY SHOE!
HOLY SMOKES! ...IT'S A COMMIE GRENADE!


THAT GRENADE IS A PRETTY PACKAGE... AN' I KNOW THAT YA FIGURE IF IT'S DELIVERED INTO THAT AMMO STOREHOUSE UNDER THE COMMIE BARRACKS, IT'LL DISSOLVE ALL THE SCUMMIES AN' SOLVE ALL OUR TROUBLES!

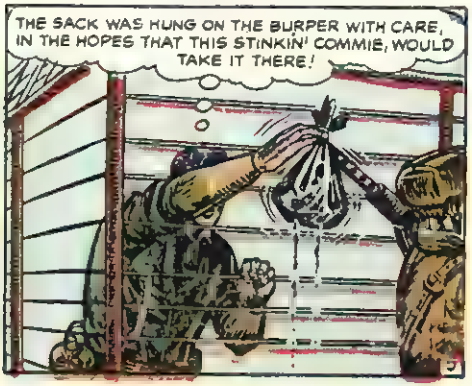

BUT EXACTLY HOW DO YA FIGURE TO GET THAT BOOM STICK INTO THE STOREHOUSE .. BY STICKIN' A STAMP ON IT AND MAILIN' IT?
NO... BECAUSE I'M OUT OF STAMPS! BUT THAT COMMIE GUARD PAYS A VISIT TO THE AMMO STOREHOUSE AFTER EVERY FIFTH TRIP AROUND THE STOCKADE... SO I'LL LET HIM DELIVER IT!



PENNY STOPS THE FLOW OF THE PRECIOUS POWDER WITH HIS FINGER AS HE STUFFS THE PACKAGE INTO HIS POCKET! THEN HE STATIONS HIMSELF IN ONE OF THE CORNERS OF THE STOCKADE AND WATCHES THE GUARD AGAIN...


THIS IS HIS LAST TRIP AROUND BEFORE HE CHECKS THE AMMO CELLAR UNDER THE BARRACKS! I'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM THE BAG AS HE PASSES BY ME THIS TRIP!

THE RED GUARD WALKS HIS POST IN A MILITARY MANNER... AND WHEN HE MAKES THE PROPER TURN AT THE CORNER WHERE PENNY IS LOITERING, PENNY REACHES OUT AND...



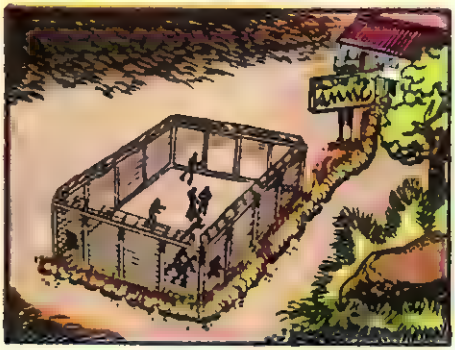
THE COMMIE GUARD CONTINUES TO WALK HIS BEAT...

AND FROM THE SACK ON HIS GUN, POURS A BLACK RIBBON OF POWDER...

WHICH FOLLOWS HIM AROUND THE COMPOUND AND INTO THE AMMO STOREHOUSE...

AND THAT'S WHEN PENNY PUTS A MATCH TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CHAIN OF POWDER.

THE FLAME FROM PENNY'S MATCH RUNS ALONG THE BLACK HIGHWAY LIKE A DEMON LOOSE FROM HELL! IT RACES AROUND THE COMPOUND AND THEN HEADS FOR THE AMMO STOREROOM UNDER THE COMMIE BARRACKS...



AND WHEN THE TINY BALL OF FIRE REACHES THE CELLAR, WHICH IS LOADED WITH TONS OF EXPLOSIVES, IT BECOMES A BIG BALL OF FIRE. AND IT GOES...

AFTER THE EARTH STOPS TREMBLING FROM THE VIOLENT ERUPTION... COMBAT SWINGS OPEN THE GATES OF THE P.O.W. COMPOUND AND...

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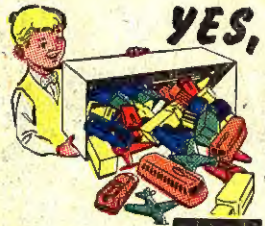

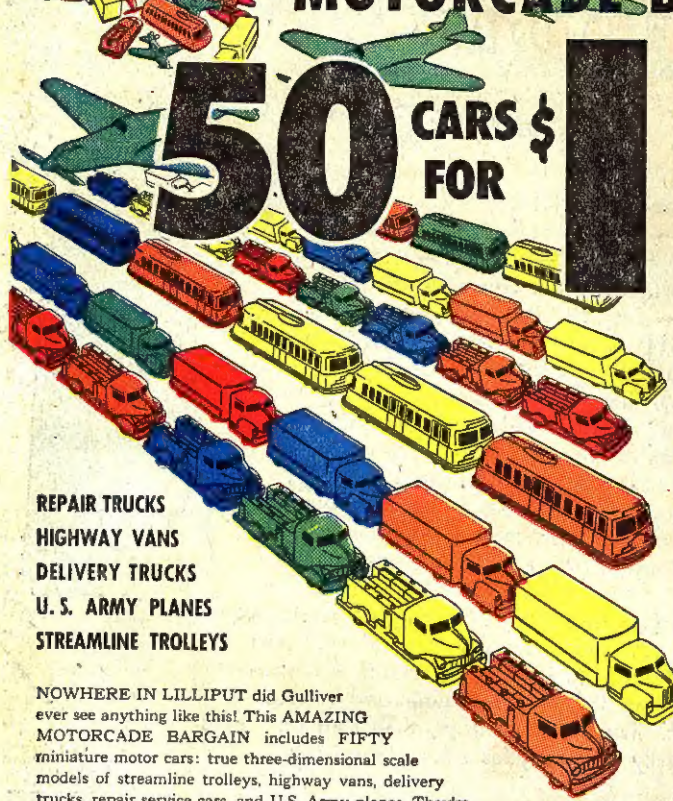

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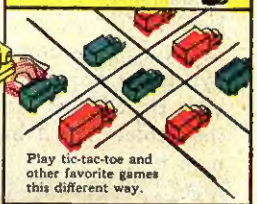

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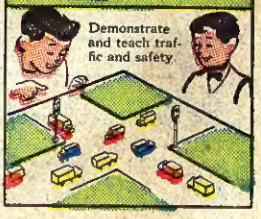

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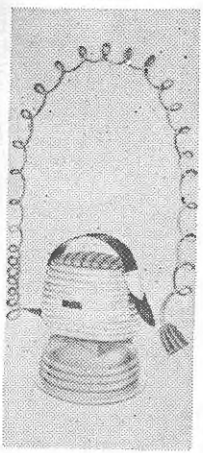

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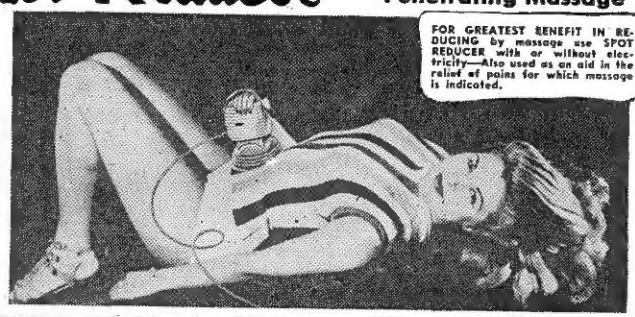

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